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In re Patent Application of)
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Michel COSTANTINI et al.) Group Art Unit: 1627
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Application No.: 09/623,414) Examiner: Chaudhry, M.
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Filed: November 8, 2000) Confirmation No.:
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For: METHOD FOR SEPARATING AND)
PURIFYING ADIPIC ACID)
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☒ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and a check for ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) to cover the requisite Government fee are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$370.00 (2801) ☐ \$740.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted __, on __, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) request suspension of action by the Office until at least __, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (146/246) is also enclosed.
- ☒ No additional claim fee is required.

☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	ADD'T'L FEE
Total Claims		MINUS =		· \$18.00 (1202) =	-0-
Independent Claims		MINUS =		· \$84.00 (1201) =	-0-
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203)					-0-
Total Amendment Fee					-0-
If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Amendment Fee					-0-
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					-0-

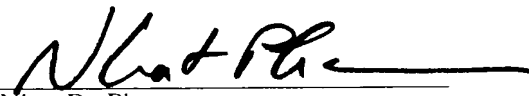
☐ A claim fee in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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THIRD REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated June 28, 2002, Applicants submit the following remarks.

REMARKS

Re-examination and reconsideration of the subject application, in view of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-23 are pending in the application. Each of these claims is under consideration.

In the Official Action, claims 1-10, 13-15, and 19-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fache et al* (U.S. Patent No. 5,900,506) in view of *BE '237* (BE 855237A). Claims 16-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Fache et al* in view of *BE '237*, and further in view of both *JP*